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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Michael S. Jackson** (NA60077762, NC60090044) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly has sexual intercourse with a patient who was a developmentally disabled adult.

### **Benton County**

In November 2010 the Counselor Program granted the application of certified counselor **Edgar R. Gonzalez** (CL60168254) and placed his registration on probation for two years. A complaint was filed against his credential to practice as a registered counselor for offering to help refinance a patient's home mortgage. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In November 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Programs charged emergency medical technician **Sarah C. Tomlinson** (ES01173744) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to call for assistance when she was off duty and someone had an allergic reaction to eating nuts. Instead, she allegedly attempted to start an IV on the patient and attempted to administer epinephrine from a vial she had in her possession.

### **Clark County**

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Shalonda D. Hart** (NC10088331) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to the department's request for a written statement regarding a complaint against her.

In November 2010 the Board of Physical Therapy reinstated the license of **Gary J. Maguire** (PT00005702) and placed his license on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **King County**

In November 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Michael C. Brown** (MD00028042) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating patients for chronic pain.

In November 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Dawn M. Hunter** (CH00034116) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly submitted insurance claims under an inaccurate name and ID number for massage services provided in her chiropractic clinic.

In November 2010 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **Ki Hyun Oh** (MD00027211). Allegations include failing to evaluate a patient's preoperative information, failed to follow the advice of a radiologic consultant, and failed to inform the patient of potential significance of her tests. This allegedly resulted in unnecessary treatment and a loss in opportunity for an earlier cancer diagnosis and treatment.

### **Kitsap County**

In November 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged **Stephanie R. White**, also known as Stephanie R. McKendry (CP60026487), with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly misused drugs.

### **Pierce County**

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the reactivation application of **Jennifer A. Hellums** (NC10069991) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of assault, unlawful issuance of bank checks or drafts, and malicious mischief. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In November 2010 the Surgical Technologist Program granted the application of **Kristie Michelle Mattern** (ST60187992) and placed conditions against her credential. In 2007 the Medical Commission placed her physician assistant license on probation for an indefinite period of time. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In October 2010 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant **Jordan K. Rinehart** (VB60178369). In May 2008 the secretary denied his application to reactivate his nursing assistant registration.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the credentials of certified nursing assistant **Chantile G. Sager** (NA00198674, NC60038006) and placed them on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration and certification.

### **San Juan County**

In November 2010 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **Robert A. Wilson** (MD00032057). He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with the patient and prescribed medication to her while continuing the sexual relationship. He allegedly prescribed her medications he knew were not for her but for her animals or relatives, and revealed personal information about different patients to her.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2010 the Board of Hearing and Speech terminated the order of probation against speech and language pathologist **Amber M. Brockl**, also known as Amber M. Ames (LL00003256).

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Juley Marie Petrowski** (RN00106523) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Heather Jelan Smith** (CO60158178) and placed conditions against her registration. She allegedly tested positive for drugs during a urinalysis while working as a registered counselor, and conditions were set against her registration to practice as a nursing assistant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Spokane County**

In November 2010 the Board of Physical Therapy entered into an agreed order with physical therapist assistant **Michael W. Allen** (P160041002). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential. He failed to comply with conditions imposed on his license in 2009.

In November 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michelle Marie Hopwood** (CO60178525) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration. She was convicted of VUCSA — delivery of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school bus stop.

In November 2010 the Massage Program charged **Anthony D. Pfeiffer** (MA00007225) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly massaged a client's breast and massaged her exposed buttock. He was convicted of indecent liberties.

## **Yakima County**

In October 2010 the Board of Pharmacy denied the applications of pharmacy wholesalers **Veterinary Wholesale Inc.** (FX6015214) and **Cascade Animal Care Products Inc.** (FX60126569). The businesses are located at the same facility and the president of one business directed substitution of vials of medication from one manufacturer into boxes from another manufacturer. The businesses also had over-the-counter products available but didn't hold a shopkeeper registration.

## **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Dream J. Easton** (NA60090768) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly solicited or borrowed money from a patient totaling at least \$50.

**Montana:** In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Angela L. McClain** (RN00148932) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a dating relationship with a patient.

**Oregon:** In October 2010 the Mental Health Counselor Program denied the application of mental health counselor associate **Jess Jay McCall** (MC60148786). He admitted to four claims of malpractice and sexual misconduct made against him by four former adult female clients in Oregon, and is allowed only restricted practice there. He failed to submit an evaluation required by the department.

**Wisconsin:** In November 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Chandra S. Reddy** (MD00043121) on probation for one year. The care he provided fell below the standard when doing heart and lung examinations on three patients. The patients felt the examinations were more like a breast exam, his manner was gruff, and he failed to hold stethoscope with the correct technique. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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